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4 MARKUP OF H.R. 5036, TO AMEND TITLE 17, UNITED STATES CODE,

5 TO EXTEND EXPIRING PROVISIONS OF THE SATELLITE TELEVISION

6 EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT OF 2010; AND

7 H.J. RES. 105, CONFERRING HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNITED

8 STATES ON BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Y MADRID, VISCOUNT OF GALVESTON

9 AND COUNT OF GALVEZ

10 Thursday, July 10, 2014

11 House of Representatives

12 Committee on the Judiciary

13 Washington, D.C.

14 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:21 a.m., in

15 Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Bob Goodlatte

16 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

17 Present: Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner,

18 Coble, Smith of Texas, Chabot, Bachus, King, Franks, Gohmert,  
19 Jordan, Marino, Gowdy, Labrador, Farenthold, Holding,  
20 Collins, DeSantis, Smith of Missouri, Conyers, Nadler,  
21 Lofgren, Cohen, Johnson, DelBene, Garcia, Jeffries, and  
22 Cicilline.

23       Staff Present: Shelley Husband, Majority Staff  
24 Director; Branden Ritchie, Majority Deputy Staff  
25 Director/Chief Counsel; Allison Halataei, Majority  
26 Parliamentarian; Kelsey Deterding, Clerk; Joe Keeley,  
27 Majority Counsel; George Fishman, Majority Counsel; Perry  
28 Apfelbaum, Minority Staff Director; Danielle Brown, Minority  
29 Parliamentarian; Heather Sawyer, Minority Counsel; and Tom  
30 Jawetz, Minority Counsel.

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32 Chairman Goodlatte. The Judiciary Committee will come  
33 to order. And without objection, the chair is authorized to  
34 declare a recess at any time.

35 Pursuant to notice, I now call up H.R. 5036 for purposes  
36 of markup and move that the committee report the bill  
37 favorably to the House. The clerk will report the bill.

38 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 5036, to amend Title 17 --

39 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill is  
40 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

41 [The information follows:]

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43 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing  
44 myself for an opening statement.

45 This morning, the committee will consider legislation  
46 introduced by the chairman of our Intellectual Property  
47 Subcommittee, Howard Coble. His legislation, H.R. 5036, the  
48 Satellite Television Access Reauthorization Act, would extend  
49 the expiring Section 119 copyright license for another 5  
50 years, as this committee has done on previous occasions, most  
51 recently in 2010.

52 This license ensures that when our constituents do not  
53 have access to a full complement of local network television  
54 stations, they can have access through satellite television  
55 carriers to distant network television stations so that  
56 consumers have a full complement of network programming to  
57 choose from.

58 This helps ensure that consumers in rural areas, like my  
59 congressional district, have the same access to news and  
60 entertainment options that consumers in urban areas enjoy.  
61 Without enactment of this legislation, many of our  
62 constituents would potentially lose access to certain  
63 networks altogether on December 31st when the current license  
64 expires.

65 I would like to point out that although numerous  
66 stakeholders interested in video issues have contacted the  
67 committee on a variety of issues, they all agree that this  
68 license should not expire at the end of this year.  
69 Therefore, I welcome the legislation introduced by my friend  
70 from North Carolina, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

71 And it is now my pleasure to recognize our ranking  
72 member, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, for his  
73 opening statement.

74 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

75 Members of the committee, this act extends for 5 years  
76 the license authorization provided in Section 119.  
77 Stakeholders should continue to work together to see if  
78 consensus can be obtained on other issues regarding the  
79 relationship between broadcast television stations and  
80 distributors. Stakeholders also include satellite and cable  
81 companies, content owners, and most of all, consumers.

82 I have long held that content creators should be  
83 compensated appropriately for their works. Negotiations in  
84 the free market can often best ensure the artists and content  
85 creators are fairly compensated. However, we also need to  
86 consider the impact that disputes during retransmission

87 consent negotiations have on consumers.

88 In some cases, we have seen consumers pulled into the  
89 negotiations. No one should want to see that happen, and it  
90 is not good for consumers or the parties involved. And so, I  
91 urge the stakeholders to continue working to reach consensus  
92 on how best to address this concern in a fashion that  
93 appropriately balances and protects the needs of everybody  
94 involved.

95 And so, I support the measure, congratulate Mr. Coble,  
96 and yield back the balance of my time.

97 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman and  
98 now recognizes the chairman of the Intellectual Property  
99 Subcommittee, the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Coble,  
100 who is also the chief sponsor of this legislation, for his  
101 opening statement.

102 Mr. Coble. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

103 You and the ranking member have pretty well covered it,  
104 Mr. Chairman. I will make a brief opening statement.

105 Today, the committee is reviewing an important piece of  
106 legislation that ensures our rural constituents continue to  
107 have access to distant network programming for another 5  
108 years. This committee has regularly worked to assist our

109 rural constituents, and we will do so again by ensuring that  
110 the network programming is available to all satellite  
111 subscribers.

112 While I realize that current licenses are not perfect  
113 for everyone, but on balance, I would say that they do a good  
114 job. Not unlike many other bills, this legislation will not  
115 fully satisfy all stakeholders, but it should satisfy them  
116 enough, and most importantly, it serves the interests of our  
117 satellite viewing constituents.

118 Mr. Chairman, not unlike your district, my district has  
119 a good number of rural subscribers and rural viewers who will  
120 benefit as a result if this does -- if the reauthorization is  
121 approved today.

122 And I thank you, and I yield back the balance of my  
123 time.

124 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks --

125 Mr. Coble. Mr. Chairman, pardon my raspy voice. I am  
126 trying to come down with my early summer cold. So bear with  
127 me.

128 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair both thanks and  
129 sympathizes with the gentleman and now recognizes the ranking  
130 member of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, the

131 gentleman from New York, Mr. Nadler, for his opening  
132 statement.

133 Mr. Nadler. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

134 I support H.R. 5036, the Satellite Television Access  
135 Reauthorization Act of 2014, which renews for another 5 years  
136 the statutory license that allows satellite providers to  
137 retransmit distant signals into local broadcast areas in  
138 certain circumstances.

139 This bill does not address the overarching licensing  
140 system, and we should continue to explore that as part of the  
141 committee's ongoing comprehensive copyright review. In the  
142 meantime, however, I support this 5-year reauthorization of  
143 the Section 119 distant into local satellite license.

144 We still need answers as to how many households would  
145 actually lose one or more of the four major network channels  
146 if Section 119 were not renewed. I nonetheless support this  
147 clean 5-year reauthorization because it will ensure that  
148 consumers who are receiving service by virtue of the Section  
149 119 license retain that service when the agreement providing  
150 for that service expires at the end of the year.

151 Other issues were raised by witnesses at our hearings,  
152 including, as I have noted, the possible phase-out of the



153 licenses altogether, as well as issues that arise during  
154 retransmission consent negotiations. There was no consensus  
155 reached on how the committee, acting within its jurisdiction,  
156 might address these issues.

157 I am, therefore, pleased that this reauthorization does  
158 not reach beyond the renewal of the Section 119 license. I,  
159 therefore, urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this  
160 bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

161 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman.

162 Without objection, all other opening statements will be  
163 made a part of the record.

164 [The information follows:]

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166 Chairman Goodlatte. And the bill is now open for  
167 amendments.

168 Mr. Collins. Mr. Chairman?

169 Chairman Goodlatte. For what purpose does the gentleman  
170 from Georgia seek recognition?

171 Mr. Collins. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the  
172 desk.

173 Chairman Goodlatte. The clerk will report the  
174 amendment.

175 Ms. Deterding. Amendment to H.R. 5036, offered by Mr.  
176 Collins of Georgia.

177 Mr. Collins. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment  
178 is considered as read.

179 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the amendment is  
180 considered as read.

181 [The amendment of Mr. Collins follows:]

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183 Chairman Goodlatte. And the gentleman is recognized for  
184 5 minutes to explain his amendment.

185 Mr. Collins. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

186 Frankly, this is -- I agree with many of the statements  
187 in the -- that have been given in the opening here, and I  
188 also agree with my friend across aisle, Mr. Nadler, that  
189 there is many things that we need to address going forward.  
190 And frankly, don't -- really frustrated that I have to be  
191 here with this amendment.

192 But your willingness to let me discuss this important  
193 issue of my constituents and many of our colleagues'  
194 constituents, which we have all across the Nation, is the  
195 fact that I have four orphan counties. If you have sat in  
196 any of the hearings on this issue, you have heard me talk  
197 about these counties.

198 What is frustrating for me is I came to Congress out of  
199 a background in the State legislature and also other areas in  
200 which I felt that it is the role of Government and the role  
201 of private to have private enterprise solve their problems,  
202 Government to stay as far away as possible, providing proper  
203 regulation. But in the end, something actually happen and  
204 something actually work for the ones that we all work for,

205 and that is the folks who pay the bills, who get up every  
206 morning, who go to work, who just want their life to be as  
207 normal as they can.

208 Many of my constituents in these counties only have  
209 access to satellite services, and these providers are not  
210 able to offer in-State local news and weather to the  
211 residents of those counties. I know there are large reforms  
212 on both sides of the copyright side of the issues and the  
213 telecom side of the issues that is that the Committee on  
214 Energy and Commerce should and will discuss in the weeks and  
215 months ahead.

216 Yet this issue deserves our attention today because it  
217 is not -- it is not isolated to the Ninth District of  
218 Georgia. In fact, I have heard from many Members whose  
219 constituents are facing similar situations. I just chose to  
220 be the tip of the spear on many of these and especially these  
221 orphan counties.

222 Localism is important, and the current DMA system set-up  
223 leaves my constituents feeling isolated and removed from  
224 their local communities. In advance of this markup, I have  
225 pursued all nonlegislative options and ultimately was unable  
226 to find meaningful agreement among the parties.

227           That is a nice way to put it to say I am not going to  
228 move. I am not going to move. We are not going to do  
229 anything. That is wrong.

230           This means at the appropriate time and in the  
231 appropriate fashion, I will pursue legislative changes to  
232 fundamentally alter the way subscribers are able to receive  
233 programming and who determines what is their local market.

234           One such legislative change is this amendment. My  
235 amendment is carefully written to remain within the narrow  
236 scope of the pending reauthorization legislation before us.  
237 This amendment would remove the statutory barriers that  
238 prevent satellite companies from bringing in the programming  
239 from the in-State DMA to specifically those counties who are  
240 considered orphaned using the Section 119 mechanism.

241           This amendment is not a carve-out just for my district.  
242 It is a carefully crafted change to address the nationwide  
243 problem of counties being orphaned from their States due to  
244 the outdated DMA model perpetrated by Nielsen.

245           Consumers deserve choice. They deserve affordable  
246 options. They deserve access to the programming they believe  
247 reflects their local community. And I offer this amendment  
248 on behalf of my constituents in Elbert, Hall, Franklin, and

249 Stephens Counties.

250       However, I recognize that this committee and the Energy  
251 and Commerce Committee will undertake a more thorough and  
252 deliberative reform process that addresses the underlying  
253 laws that created these orphan counties.

254       The problem we have here is something that I mentioned  
255 in another hearing just recently. And that is that we are at  
256 the point of protecting business models at the expense of  
257 constituents. We are at the point of protecting -- and I  
258 respect that. I respect each agency has to do what they feel  
259 is best in their own eyes.

260       But in the end of the day, it is not about the agencies  
261 and private enterprises that we represent. It is about the  
262 people who just need help.

263       I told a group the other day as they bickered back and  
264 forth in my office, I said, "This is great. I have two  
265 warring parties, and I am holding the hostages." I have got  
266 four hostages, who won't move, who just won't help. But yet  
267 because of Government regulation, because of Government  
268 dynamics, we have two parties who can't come together.

269       This shouldn't happen. This is not what it is about.  
270 This is not what we should be about. And it not only affects

271 this debate. It affects other debates. And the inactivity  
272 that I have seen, frankly, is appalling.

273 Government shouldn't do this. This is not the way  
274 private enterprise should act. Constituents deserve better.

275 I do plan to ask unanimous consent to withdraw the  
276 amendment, as I appreciate the chairman's willingness to help  
277 my district, and I respect the strategic decision to move  
278 forward with a clean 5-year authorization. But I do ask this  
279 committee to think about what we have talked about, to think  
280 about my orphan counties, but to think about your own  
281 constituents and remember why we are here.

282 And with that, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to  
283 withdraw the amendment.

284 Chairman Goodlatte. Would the gentleman yield? The  
285 chair recognizes the gentleman for an additional minute.

286 Mr. Collins. I will definitely yield. I will yield  
287 always to the chairman.

288 Chairman Goodlatte. And I thank the gentleman because I  
289 want to thank him for raising this important issue, and many  
290 of our colleagues have expressed concerns over the years  
291 about market-specific issues, such as the ones you have  
292 raised. And I have had some of these issues in my district

293 as well.

294 Our constituents want to watch local content that is of  
295 most interest to them. Due to the way television markets are  
296 defined, constituent interests do not always match the lines  
297 drawn on a map. Sometimes constituents want to watch a  
298 television station that is in State that are further away  
299 than a nearby out of State channel. In other situations, the  
300 opposite may be true, due to the locations of major employers  
301 or favorite sports teams.

302 Regardless of where a line is placed on a map, there  
303 should be a better system to ensure that our constituents  
304 have choices in what they view, including watching in-State  
305 television networks. So I look forward to working with my  
306 colleague from Georgia and other members of the committee on  
307 either side of the aisle that are concerned about this issue  
308 to try to find a way to accomplish this as we move forward.

309 Mr. Collins. And Mr. Chairman, I do appreciate that,  
310 and I think the one thing that this has proved over the past  
311 few days and into this hearing today is that now I can safely  
312 go back to my constituents and say I know who is your  
313 problem.

314 With that, I yield back.



315 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman.

316 Without objection, the amendment is withdrawn.

317 Are there further amendments to H.R. 5036?

318 [No response.]

319 Chairman Goodlatte. There being none, and a reporting  
320 quorum being present, the question is on the motion to report  
321 the bill, H.R. 5036, favorably to the House.

322 Those in favor will say aye.

323 Those opposed, no.

324 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported  
325 favorably. Members will have 2 legislative days to submit  
326 views.

327 And pursuant to notice, I now call up House Joint  
328 Resolution 105 for purposes of markup and move that the  
329 committee report the resolution favorably to the House.

330 The clerk will report the resolution.

331 Ms. Deterding. H.J. Res. 105, conferring honorary  
332 citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y  
333 Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

334 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the resolution  
335 is considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

336 [The information follows:]

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338 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing  
339 myself for an opening statement.

340 H.J. Res. 105 confers honorary United States citizenship  
341 on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid in recognition of his many  
342 contributions to and sacrifices for the cause of American  
343 independence. American citizenship is the highest honor that  
344 our country can confer upon a person who is a citizen of  
345 another land.

346 The granting of honorary citizenship is a symbolic  
347 gesture that welcomes the recipient into our national family.  
348 Honorary citizenship is, and should always be, an  
349 extraordinary honor, not lightly conferred. Congress has  
350 granted honorary citizenship on only six occasions in the  
351 past to seven individuals.

352 The seven recipients have been Casimir Pulaski, the  
353 Marquis de Lafayette, Mother Teresa, William and Hannah Penn,  
354 Raoul Wallenberg, and Winston Churchill. The last two  
355 recipients, Casimir Pulaski and the Marquis de Lafayette,  
356 both played crucial roles in the United States victory in our  
357 Revolutionary War.

358 General Galvez's contributions to the war effort compare  
359 very favorably with those of Casimir Pulaski and the Marquis

360 de Lafayette. H.J. Res. 105 states that Galvez provided  
361 supplies, intelligence, and strong military support to the  
362 war effort.

363       Indeed, the historical record indicates that due to the  
364 British blockade of seaports on the Eastern Seaboard,  
365 Galvez's secretly coordinated smuggling operation and efforts  
366 to clear the Mississippi River of British influence helped  
367 ensure that George Washington's Continental Army received  
368 necessary weapons and other provisions.

369       H.J. Res. 105 states that Galvez recruited an army of  
370 7,500 men and led the effort of Spain to aid the United  
371 States colonists. He and his troops seized the Port of New  
372 Orleans and successfully defeated the British at battles in  
373 Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Natchez, Mississippi; and Mobile,  
374 Alabama.

375       Commentators and historians have uniformly lauded  
376 General Galvez's bravery, tenacity, and tactical military  
377 skill in rapidly assembling and leading a diverse, multi-  
378 ethnic regimen. Galvez's forces were victorious in every  
379 battle into which he led them.

380       H.J. Res. 105 states that Galvez led the successful 2-  
381 month siege of Pensacola, Florida, where his troops captured

382 the capital of British West Florida and left the British with  
383 no naval bases in the Gulf of Mexico.

384 The historical narrative surrounding Galvez's actions  
385 leading up to and throughout the 2-month long Battle of  
386 Pensacola underscores his heroism and leadership in pursuit  
387 of the objective of pinning down the British forces and  
388 driving them from the Gulf of Mexico. There is no question  
389 that keeping the British occupied on a second front during  
390 the war was critical to the success of George Washington's  
391 campaign.

392 Some historians have noted that the timing and length of  
393 the Battle of Pensacola in particular impacted the number of  
394 forces and ships the British could commit to the Battle of  
395 Yorktown, the final campaign of the Revolutionary War.

396 Finally, H.J. Res. 105 states that Galvez's victories  
397 over the British were recognized by George Washington as a  
398 deciding factor in the outcome of the Revolutionary War. I  
399 believe that Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid amply deserves  
400 honorary citizenship, and I urge my colleagues to support  
401 this bill.

402 And I now recognize our ranking member, the gentleman  
403 from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, for his opening statement.

404 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

405 I would be less than candid if I say that this is a  
406 familiar name in American history or even law school for me.  
407 But if all of my friends and colleagues, mostly from Florida,  
408 say that this gentleman deserves honorary citizenship, who am  
409 I to block it at this stage of so long a period of time that  
410 this has been worked on?

411 And so, for that reason, I am going to go along with  
412 this and let us make him another honorary citizen, a rare  
413 honor that I assume that he deserves. And I will put the  
414 rest of my statement in the record and yield back my time.

415 [The statement of Mr. Conyers follows:]

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417 Chairman Goodlatte. Would the gentleman yield?

418 Mr. Conyers. Of course.

419 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman for yielding.  
420 I neglected to mention in my remarks that this legislation  
421 was introduced by the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Miller, who  
422 is the chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. And I  
423 thank him for his interest in remembering and recognizing Mr.  
424 Galvez.

425 I understand that the chairman of the Immigration and  
426 Claim Subcommittee does not have a statement, but that the  
427 ranking member does. So the chair now recognizes the  
428 gentlewoman from California, Ms. Lofgren, for her opening  
429 statement.

430 Ms. Lofgren. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

431 I do support today's measure. The individual, as has  
432 been mentioned, led major military campaigns that helped us  
433 win the war, and he also helped draft the terms of the treaty  
434 that ended the war. And while, as the chairman has  
435 indicated, we do not grant honorary posthumous citizenship  
436 lightly, this case meets the high standard for those rare  
437 instances in the past.

438 I will enter my full statement into the record, but I

439 also wanted to take the opportunity to recognize that many  
440 foreign nationals continue to carry on the proud tradition of  
441 Bernardo de Galvez by enlisting in our armed forces. The  
442 President of the United States just last week presided over a  
443 naturalization ceremony for active duty service members and  
444 their spouses.

445 Like so many immigrants from around the world who come  
446 to our shores, these people deeply believe in our values,  
447 They work hard to contribute to our community. We owe them a  
448 debt of gratitude, and I am glad they were able to earn their  
449 American citizenship with all of the rights and  
450 responsibilities.

451 I agree with this bill. I will vote for it. But it  
452 would be difficult not to note that while we are doing this  
453 justifiable bill, the far greater challenge of comprehensive  
454 immigration reform has not been taken up by this committee or  
455 this House, and I find it -- myself concerned that while we  
456 do this meritorious measure that has been undone for several  
457 hundred years, we are continuing to neglect our emerging and  
458 urgent need to reform our immigration laws from top to  
459 bottom.

460 And with that, I would ask unanimous consent to put my

461 full statement in the record and would yield back.

462 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentlewoman.

463 And without objection, all other opening statements will be  
464 made a part of the record.

465 [The statement of Ms. Lofgren follows:]

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467 Chairman Goodlatte. We will recognize Members on their  
468 motion to strike, and we will also ask if there are any  
469 amendments to House Joint Resolution 105 at this time.

470 For what purpose does the gentleman from New York seek  
471 recognition?

472 Mr. Nadler. I move to strike the last word.

473 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5  
474 minutes.

475 Mr. Nadler. Thank you.

476 Mr. Chairman, I hate to be the one to raise questions  
477 about this, and I confess that, like the ranking member of  
478 the full committee, I had never heard of this gentleman until  
479 now. And everything I am about to say is based completely  
480 and only on the text of the resolution as it tells us his  
481 history.

482 And it says that he led the effort of Spain to aid the  
483 U.S. colonists against Great Britain, and after the war, he  
484 served as Viceroy of New Spain, and he won various battles  
485 and recruited an army. Now Pulaski and Lafayette, who were  
486 the other two Revolutionary heroes whom we have honored with  
487 honorary citizenship, came to the United States to aid the  
488 American cause.

489           From the text of this resolution, Mr. or General de  
490 Galvez apparently served simply as a Spanish general in the  
491 armed forces of Spain, which engaged in a war against Great  
492 Britain and happened to help the United States as part of  
493 their war against Great Britain. Is there any evidence that  
494 he did anything or with any motive to help the United States,  
495 as opposed to being simply a general in the Spanish forces  
496 who warred against Great Britain, helped get that territory  
497 for Spain, served as Viceroy of New Spain after the  
498 Revolutionary War before they gave it to France?

499           I mean, I am not opposed to this resolution. I am just  
500 wondering, you know, there are a lot of generals of countries  
501 allied with the United States in various wars. We don't give  
502 them honorary citizenship. Why is this different?

503           Chairman Goodlatte. Well, first of all, I believe that  
504 the Marquis de Lafayette was a French citizen who came to the  
505 United States and aided the United States. But was a French  
506 -- he did not give up any of his French titles and including  
507 military titles in order to do that. But I would also add  
508 that, clearly, both France and Spain intended to aid the  
509 United States in its seeking of independence from Britain and  
510 that being recognized by George Washington as having

511 conducted a military campaign that was critical to the  
512 success that the United States enjoyed in the Revolutionary  
513 War would indicate that this was not just something that he  
514 was doing for his own country, but that was also done to  
515 benefit the United States.

516 Mr. Nadler. Mr. Chairman? Let me just say that the  
517 Count de Lafayette came to the United States as a volunteer,  
518 not as part of French forces. I will assume that the  
519 sponsors of this resolution know something more than is in  
520 the text here, which makes this individual deserving of this.  
521 And I will certainly support the resolution.

522 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman.

523 For what purpose does the gentleman from Georgia seek  
524 recognition?

525 Mr. Johnson. Move to strike the last word.

526 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5  
527 minutes.

528 Mr. Johnson. Just would like to know what happens as a  
529 result of the conferral of citizenship upon this gentleman?

530 Chairman Goodlatte. It is a purely symbolic recognition  
531 of contribution that this gentleman made in American history,  
532 as would be noted for some of the other people, some of whom

533 had little, if any, contact with the United States. For  
534 example, Mother Teresa, whose work is legendary and of great  
535 interest to humanity. But in sort of response to the  
536 gentleman from New York's point that he raised, it recognizes  
537 her as an honorary citizen even though I think her work was  
538 almost predominantly or overwhelmingly done in India, not in  
539 the United States.

540 Mr. Johnson. Certainly she was what one would call a  
541 humanitarian of a special breed, an outstanding humanitarian  
542 at that, and a female, I might add.

543 I, myself, am unaware of the history of this gentleman  
544 and don't know that it rises to the level of that kind of  
545 importance. But I will yield to the desires of my friends on  
546 the other side of the aisle and probably support this.

547 Chairman Goodlatte. Are there any amendments? For what  
548 purpose does the gentleman from Tennessee seek recognition?

549 Mr. Cohen. Strike the last word.

550 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5  
551 minutes.

552 Mr. Cohen. I just want to ask the chair. It appears  
553 Florida is behind this. This is a Florida deal. And they  
554 are trying to catch up that Texas has named Galveston for

555 this gentleman, and Louisiana has named St. Bernard Parish  
556 for him, and Florida has only named him a great Floridian.

557 Can anybody tell me who the other great Floridians are?  
558 Is Steve Spurrier one of them, by chance? If Steve Spurrier  
559 is, that could create a problem in Tennessee.

560 Chairman Goodlatte. This resolution does not honor or  
561 recognize Steve Spurrier, however --

562 [Laughter.]

563 Chairman Goodlatte. -- however great a football player  
564 he may have been.

565 Mr. Cohen. Are there any other great Floridians that we  
566 know that are involved in this? Who are the other great  
567 Floridians?

568 Voice. Jeff Miller.

569 Mr. Cohen. Jeff Miller. That is enough. I yield back.

570 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman.

571 Are there amendments to H.J. Res. 105?

572 [No response.]

573 Chairman Goodlatte. There being none, and a reporting  
574 quorum being present, the question is on the motion to report  
575 the resolution, House Joint Resolution 105, favorably to the  
576 House.

577       Those in favor will say aye.

578       Those opposed, no.

579       The ayes have it, and the resolution is ordered reported  
580 favorably. Members will have 2 days to submit views.

581       This concludes our business for today. Thanks to all of  
582 our Members for attending and for their historical curiosity,  
583 and this meeting is adjourned.

584       [Whereupon, at 10:51 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]